

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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MERRITT, BREAU

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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2 State Senator Billie Breaux for her decades of public service.

3 *Whereas, Billie Breaux is the daughter of Otha Fuller, Sr.*
4 *and Pearl Fuller and was born the seventh of nine children;*

5 *Whereas, Billie graduated from West Virginia State and*
6 *began working as a legal secretary for the law firm of*
7 *Richardson, Hosea, Lewis, and Allen, the first integrated law*
8 *firm in Indianapolis;*

9 *Whereas, While working for the firm, Billie was mentored*
10 *and encouraged by former state legislator Henry J. Richardson,*
11 *Jr. and his wife Rosalyn, who were committed community*
12 *activists;*

13 *Whereas, When Billie Breaux's daughter was in the second*
14 *grade, Billie became disappointed with the education her*
15 *daughter was receiving and promptly made the decision to*
16 *utilize her degree to become an educator;*

17 *Whereas, Billie later earned her masters degree in*
18 *education from Indiana University;*

19 *Whereas, In search of educational reform, Billie became an*
20 *activist with the Indianapolis Education Association and later*
21 *became its first two-term president;*



1 *Whereas, Billie was instrumental in the recognition of*
2 *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a celebrated holiday and she*
3 *served as Chair of the IEA's first Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*
4 *celebration;*

5 *Whereas, As an educational activist, Billie advocated for*
6 *better funding of urban schools and fought against the lack of*
7 *support given to education from the state legislature;*

8 *Whereas, For eight years, Billie served as Marion County*
9 *Auditor and became the first African-American woman to be*
10 *elected to a county-wide office;*

11 *Whereas, After serving as an ad hoc advisor for then state*
12 *legislator Julia Carson, Billie succeeded her in office in 1990;*

13 *Whereas, As a legislator, Billie gave a strong voice to*
14 *educational reform, children, working Hoosiers, the elderly,*
15 *and the disabled;*

16 *Whereas, Billie is the recipient of numerous awards,*
17 *including being named the freshman legislator of the year;*

18 *Whereas, Throughout her tenure, Billie gained the support*
19 *and respect of her constituents and colleagues on both sides of*
20 *the aisle;*

21 *Whereas, Billie retired from IPS after more than thirty*
22 *years of service, from the Indiana State Senate after sixteen*
23 *years of service, and as Marion County Auditor after eight*
24 *years of service; and*

25 *Whereas, The Indiana General Assembly wishes to*
26 *celebrate Billie Breaux for her tremendous public service and*
27 *substantial commitment to the State of Indiana upon her final*
28 *retirement: Therefore,*



1 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
 2 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

3 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly congratulates
 4 and honors Billie Breaux for her decades of public service.

5 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
 6 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Billie Breaux.

